An Overview of Results from SDP's Return-to-School Survey - June 2020

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34,000+ Responses Between June 15 and June 22.

The survey asked about comfortability returning to in-person instruction and which CDC-aligned safety measures are most important.

Top Three Safety Measures Identified by All Respondent Groups

- **30%** said mask-wearing was their #1 priority.
- **14%** said daily building cleaning was their #1 priority.
- **14%** said washing/sanitizing stations were their #1 priority.

5,322 parents/guardians and community members and 1,325 students wrote in additional feedback.

Parents/guardians and students most frequently wrote about:

- masks (994 mentions)
- clean/wash (566)
- sanitize/sanitizer (365)
- vaccines (332 mentions)
- schedules (283)
- temperature checks (44)
More than half of all respondent groups said they felt comfortable or very comfortable returning to school with safety measures in place.

Percentage who would feel comfortable or very comfortable returning to the school building in person if schools have fewer students in the building at one time and rules are in place to limit contact

- School-based staff: 61%
- Parents/guardians and community: 62%
- Students: 62%

Percentage who would feel comfortable or very comfortable returning to the school building in person if hand washing/sanitizing stations are set up in every classroom and schools are cleaned each day

- School-based staff: 62%
- Parents/guardians and community: 63%
- Students: 71%

Percentage who would feel comfortable or very comfortable returning to the school building in person if all students and staff have temperature checks each day, wear masks, and no visitors are allowed

- School-based staff: 62%
- Parents/guardians and community: 61%
- Students: 61%

Percentage who would feel comfortable or very comfortable returning to the school building in person if all the safety measures listed above were implemented

- School-based staff: 66%
- Parents/guardians and community: 65%
- Students: 60%
Almost half of parents/guardians (47%) said they would send their children back to school under current circumstances...

Would you send your child back to school for in-person instruction under current circumstances?

- Yes (47%)
- Unsure (40%)
- No (13%)

"I don't think temperature checks are a worthwhile use of District funds. They are pointless as many [children] are asymptomatic. Also, you could have no fever one day and a fever the next."

- Parent Respondent

...and 62% said they would send their children back with safety measures in place.

"Having children wear masks for 8 hours a day seems excessive... if desks are 6 feet apart I don't feel they need them all day."

- Parent Respondent

"Please make it safe and clean for our children to go to school and learn...and come back to us healthy and safe."

- Parent Respondent
28% of school-based staff and 27% of parents and guardians said they would feel most comfortable if students returned to school in shifts on alternate days of the week...

...while 24% of school-based staff and 21% of parents and guardians said they would prefer students attend school daily but in shifts.

"I personally believe that any kid with a pre-existing condition (for example, asthma) should continue their education virtually and not be exposed to students, staff...etc."

-Parent Respondent

"Juggling drop offs and pick ups will be challenging for parents if children are on different schedules... There has to be some coordination with siblings."

-Parent Respondent

The School District of Philadelphia is working to ensure that the restart of school is safe, includes families and employees in the process, and prioritizes student achievement, high-quality instruction and the health and well-being of all.

For the most recent information, opportunities to provide feedback, and our plans for reopening school safely, please visit www.philasd.org/coronavirus/schoolstart2020/.

For a longer summary of results from the June reopening surveys, including an overview of results from more than 1,000 central office staff, go to bit.ly/SDPreturnsurvey.